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Sugar and Flour Mills in Harbin

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1. [] a large sugar mill located on the Sungari River in Harbin was destroyed by fire. The largest flour mill, which employed 500 workers, was also destroyed in a similar manner [] Sabotage was rumored as the cause of this fire because a number of mill workers and one Soviet engineer had been subsequently arrested. These incidents were not covered by the press.

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Availability, Use, and Registration of Radios

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2. Police registration was a requisite for the possession of a radio set in China, and periodic visits were made by the police to ensure that all sets had been registered. Small, 5-to-6-tube radio sets were easily obtainable, but the purchase of a 15-tube radio required a police permit. The cost of a 15-tube Riga set was JMP6,500,000.
3. A law forbade the Chinese to listen to Western broadcasts. The Chinese generally did not have sets powerful enough to receive Western broadcasts; foreigners, however, could receive Voice of America on a 15-tube set.

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Movement of Population

4. The movement of foreigners in Harbin was unrestricted within a radius of 15 kilometers, beyond which a special permit (Viser) was required. The native population, however, could move freely throughout China with the exception of the frontier areas []³

Comments

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1. [] since 1945 a number of flour mills in Harbin had been destroyed by fire. A fire [] was generally attributed to "an unknown disaffected person or persons."

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2. [redacted] all privately owned radios were standard broadcast wave length and were not equipped to receive short-wave signals. Russian-made radios were available at cooperative stores. After making a selection, an application for permission to purchase the radio was filed and was forwarded to the police for approval. [redacted] habitual listening to the Voice of America broadcasts would result in police confiscation of the radios, despite the fact that no prohibitive law existed.

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3. [redacted] foreigners were quite free to move about at will; but they had to make an application to travel to another town within the same province. Chinese civilians could travel within the provincial boundaries without any permit.

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